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FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD APPOINTS DIRECTOR TO BOARD OF FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF TOPEKA

The Federal Housing Finance Board today appointed Ada Diaz Kirby of Denver, Colo., as a public interest director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Topeka.

She will fulfill the un-expired term of Daniel N. Witt, who has resigned from the Topeka Bank's Board of Directors. The term runs through Dec. 31, 2004.

Each of the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks is overseen by a board of directors, comprised of two groups: directors elected by the Bank's member institutions; and public interest directors, or PIDs, appointed by the Federal Housing Finance Board.

Ms. Kirby is the founder and president of CommTech International, Inc., a full-service training company specializing in customized interactive multimedia programs delivered on CD-ROM and corporate intranets. CommTech was listed in Colorado Business Magazine's Top 100 Minority-Owned Companies and Top 100 Women-Owned companies.

She previously spent 24 years at U S WEST, where as an executive director she managed more than 200 employees and a budget of more than \$20 million.

Ada Diaz was born in Cienfuegos, Cuba, and as a child was sent by her parents to the United States to escape communism. She lived in an orphanage and foster homes until striking out on her own while still in high school. After a 10-year separation, she was able to get her parents out of Cuba.